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December 1, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 via ECFS

Re: **CC Docket No. 00-257**: Notification of Transfer of Subscribers from Aries Network, Inc. to NTC International, Inc. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 64.1120

### Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e), NTC International, Inc. ("NTC"), by its counsel, respectfully notifies the Commission that NTC intends to acquire the customer base of its affiliate, Aries Network, Inc. ("Aries"). NTC is complying with the Commission's rules and procedures governing compliance with Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, including the provision of advance written notice to all affected customers. In conformity with Commission rules, NTC provides the following information:

*Parties to the Transaction*: The parties involved in the transaction are Aries Network, Inc. (the Assignor) and NTC International, Inc. (the Assignee).

*Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to the Affected Subscribers*: Aries provides prepaid and postpaid "dial-around" or "PIN-free" long distance telephone services to the affected subscribers on a retail basis.<sup>2</sup> NTC will provide the same services to these subscribers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NTC and Aries are commonly-owned affiliates. The customer transfer discussed herein is being implemented as part of an internal reorganization of the affiliated companies.

Aries service is used by means of a toll-free access number or a local access number that can be dialed by customers from any telephone, either in combination with a PIN or PIN-free, depending upon the circumstances. This is a separate service from any pre-subscribed

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Date of Transfer of the Subscribers to Acquiring Carrier: Aries intends to transfer the affected subscribers to NTC on January 1, 2018, or as soon thereafter as the necessary arrangements are in place.

Attached to this letter are (a) NTC's certification of compliance with the requirements of the Commission governing transfers of subscribers, and (b) a copy of the notice sent to the affected subscribers, as required under the rules. Notices were mailed to the affected customers on dates between November 1, 2017 and December 1, 2017.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this notification.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>(</sup>PIC'd) long distance carrier service for which individual customers may be registered in connection with their home telephone service).

### CERTIFICATION OF NTC INTERNATIONAL, INC.

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

- I have read the foregoing document and hereby verify that the statements therein are true, complete and 1. correct to the best of my knowledge.
- 2. In connection with the transfer of customers described in the foregoing document, NTC International, Inc. has complied with the Commission's requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

NTC INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Ву:
Name: COLLEEN GUFFEY
Title: VICE PRESIDENT
Date: 12/1/2017

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

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acknowledged to me that h	e executed the same in his authorized	e person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and d capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person	
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I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public Signature

State of California

My Commission expires:

THAIS L. AGUIRRE Commission # 2141500 Notary Public - California San Diego County

My Comm. Expires Mar 2, 2020

# **Sample Customer Notice**





## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR ARIES NETWORK LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Dear Aries Network Customer:

We're very pleased to let you know that, in order to improve the quality of your long distance experience, Aries Network is reorganizing its operations. All of Aries Network's telecom services, including your dialaround telephone service, will be provided through a newly formed affiliate, NTC International, Inc. (NTC). NTC is owned and managed by the same team of professionals that currently provide your Aries Network telephone service and you will continue to receive the same high-quality service from NTC.

- No action on your part is required. You always have the right to choose another carrier for your long distance telephone service, but we hope that you'll continue as an NTC customer and we look forward to the opportunity to continue providing you with quality telephone services. You will not incur any fees in connection with this transfer of your service.
- Your dial-around telephone services will not be affected. You'll continue to use the same access
  telephone numbers and the same PIN. As an NTC customer, you'll continue to receive the same
  services at the same rates, terms and conditions as you currently receive. As always, notice of any
  future changes in rates, terms and conditions of service will be provided to you as required by law.
- The effective date of the transfer will be on or shortly after January 1st, 2018. At that time, unless you have made alternative arrangements, NTC will become your service provider for dial-around long distance services.<sup>2</sup> If you prefer to choose a telephone provider other than NTC for these services, you are free to do so and to discontinue your subscription to NTC's services at any time.

Our customer service operations will continue to provide the same level of quality support for your telephone service needs following the transfer to NTC. If you have any questions or concerns with respect to service needs, complaints or billing issues, either before or after the transfer, you may call 1-800-244-9669.

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We look forward to sharing the future with you.

Very truly yours,

Richard L. Mahfouz President & CEO Aries Network, Inc. NTC International, Inc.

Aries Network's "dial-around" or "pin-free" plan provides a separate service from your current home-based phone plan (including any pre-subscribed long distance carrier services associated with your home telephone number). Aries Network service is used by means of a toll-free access number or local access number that can be dialed from any telephone either in combination with a PIN or PIN-free.

All subscribers receiving this notice will be transferred to NTC unless they have discontinued their Aries Network service prior to the transfer date.

Federal Communications Commission rules require us to inform you that an existing carrier freeze on your service – typically arranged to prevent an unauthorized transfer to another carrier - will not prevent this transfer and that such a freeze must be re-established following the transfer. Please be aware, however, that carrier freezes do not apply to your Aries Network service.